



Growing and Learning Together in God's Love

# St Mark's CofE Primary School

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## News Update – Monday 10th December 2018

### Two Items of Great News!

- 1) Tithegrove Limited, who are working on the new development at Longacre, are generously donating time, money and resources to do three jobs for us!
- a) laying tarmac on the area outside of the Year 4/5 classrooms (currently mud and rotten logs)
  - b) laying tarmac outside Year 6 classrooms to provide additional bike rack space.
  - c) laying tarmac near the small hall to provide an additional walk-way for parents. This will aid the pathways when they are flooded.

Most of the work will take place during the Christmas break. It's several £k's of work, so we are fortunate! A huge thank you to Mrs Mullen for her efforts here, too.



2) Because of FOSM's hard work and your generosity, we raised £5,436.03 at the Christmas Fayre – that's over £400 more than last year. Thank you everyone! We'll write soon about what the money is going towards, as there are a few 'behind the scenes' discussions about what we could do, bearing in mind the above news!

I look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks as we continue to celebrate Christmas together.  
Mr Applegate ☺

### Attendance since September 2018

Well done to Year 2!

Best class attendance - 2B with 99.1%

Best year group attendance- Year 2 with 98.6%

### Car Park

Please could we remind parents that the car park still isn't accessible, even though the barrier is currently out of action. Only parents with permission from Mr Applegate may access the car park before and after school. It is becoming increasingly dangerous with the number of cars coming in and out of the car park. Our main concern is for the safety of the children. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Good Luck

We would like to wish Maddie in Year 4 'Good Luck' with her role in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at the Anvil. She will be one of the dancers and her performances start on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

It is an incredible achievement to be selected; we hope you have an amazing experience and enjoy every moment. Well Done Maddie! ☺

### Christmas – Class Parties

(not Christmas Jumper Day)

We have an exciting opportunity to wear party clothes/Christmas jumpers/Christmassy clothes on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December** for Christmas Lunch and class parties in the afternoon. This will be our Christmas Non Uniform Day. There is no pressure or expectation to buy a jumper though! We'll use this day instead of the more publicised Christmas Jumper Day on 14<sup>th</sup> December.



Year R – Navlyn, Joshua, Ruby  
Year 1 – Aleiya, Jack (1J), Freya  
Year 2 – Eva, Leighton, Irebami  
Year 3 – Evie, Lottie B, Mason  
Year 4 – Ruby, Harriet, Andrew  
Year 5 – Ronald, Brandon, Josh W  
Year 6 – Meghan, Nayra, Alfie, Daisy

Head Teacher: Mr Charles Applegate  
Deputy Head: Mrs Claire Cooper  
Assistant Head: Mrs Nicola Ford  
Assistant Head: Mrs Rebekah Alsey



### KS2 Choir

As part of our 'service' theme, our KS2 choir visited the Memory Club at The Viables Craft Centre on Friday to sing beautiful Christmas carols. The audience were delighted and the children were brilliant. It was great to see the older and younger generations coming together, too.

#### Thanks expressed by one of the Memory Club helpers

*"I just wanted to tell you what a wonderful choir it was, perfectly harmonious, and children so well behaved. You should be very proud of all 46 children who sang. The members absolutely enjoyed every minute of it, singing or tapping along, their faces lit up with the pleasure of the moment. It will have been the highlight of their day!"*







# Dates for your diary....

## Autumn Term

14<sup>th</sup> December – Year R Measurement Programme (**Autumn born children**)  
20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec – Last day of Term (3.20pm finish)

## Spring Term

11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Autumn reports out  
January - Flu Vaccine Years R-5  
27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evenings

## Summer Term

26<sup>th</sup> April – Spring Reports out  
13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Week  
7<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day  
14<sup>th</sup> June – Reserve Sports Day  
5<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day  
12<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Reports out

## INSET DAYS 2018 2019

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Apr 2019  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2019  
(not 1<sup>st</sup> July)

## FOSM



15<sup>th</sup> Feb – FOSM School Disco  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Cake Sale  
30<sup>th</sup> March Easter Egg Hunt (11am – 12pm)  
3<sup>rd</sup> May FOSM Summer Disco  
21<sup>st</sup> June – Non Uniform Day  
29<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fun Day

## Lost Property

We have acquired a lot of jumpers, coats and hats! Please do take a few minutes to look at the wooden chest in the main reception to see if you have lost anything! Thank you.

Something to think about

**WHAT IF,  
TODAY, WE WERE  
GRATEFUL FOR  
EVERYTHING?**

Charlie Brown

## Christmas Performances – update

A huge well done to Year R who performed brilliantly last week. 😊

### A few reminders for upcoming performances:

Please park with consideration to other road users and our neighbours, allow plenty of time to find a parking space!

No ticket = No performance

For all performances, young children and babies can be on an adult's lap in the performance.  
Older siblings will require a seat (and their own ticket)

At the end of each performance, we'll be taking donations for the "Raising Hope Foundation".



If you have tickets for the Y5 & Y6 performance on 18<sup>th</sup> December that you no longer require, we would be grateful if you would return them to the school office as we have a waiting list for this performance.

There are still tickets available for most other performances, please speak to a member of the office staff to check availability. 😊

### Thank you from our J Rock Team

The teachers and children from our J Rock Club would like to say a big thank you to CTP Builders for their generous sponsorship. It is greatly appreciated and a big help on our J Rock journey.



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*We still need more sponsors!*

### Flu Vaccine Years R – 5

A letter has been sent home regarding the Flu Vaccine to be administered mid-January. Please note you **must** return the form if you wish your child to be vaccinated. If you do not return the form, your child will **not** be included in the programme.

Please return the forms to the School Office no later than **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**, as the School Nurse will be collecting them on this date. Any forms returned after this date will not be included in the vaccination programme.

### Christmas Post Box

The school Christmas post box is now open for children to post their Christmas cards to each other. It is situated outside the main hall. Please ensure the child's name and class is written on the envelope so it can be delivered to the correct child! ☺

### Raising Hope Foundation



Thank you once again for your kind donations on our Ghanaian Day held on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

We are pleased to announce that together you raised £478.31 for the Raising Hope Foundation. A fantastic amount that will make a huge difference to the lives of children living in Santrokofi, Ghana.

### After School Clubs

Well done to the KS1 choir who sang beautifully at their end of term performance which was their last session of this term.

The 'Learning Through Sports Clubs' also finished last week.

All other clubs will be finishing this week, there will be no clubs running the last week of term.

Details on how to apply for next term's clubs will be coming home very soon!

# Living Nativity

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 4-6pm

A living nativity with actors, real animals and traditional carols led by the wonderful Salvation Army Band.

Kids can come dressed as nativity characters and join in the action with a prize for the best costume! Entirely free event with hot food, hot chocolate and a small gift for each child, held in the church grounds.

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baptist church





# *Christmas at St Mark's C of E Primary School 2018*



**Christmas Lunch**  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December



**Year R Nativity**



Performances on:  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 10am



**Year 1 and 2 performance**



Performances on:  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm



**Years 3, 4 and Choir  
Carol Concert**



Performances on:  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm



**Years 5, 6 and  
Choir Carol Concert**



Performances on:  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 7pm



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

*To attend a performance you will need to have a free ticket.  
Please contact the school office to request tickets!*